

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 719 - HB 1647

March 10, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a pilot project for mandatory attendance in an alternative school in Memphis. Requires the Department of Education to make a report on such project to the Education Committees of the General Assembly by February 18, 2011.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$3,062,500*

Assumptions:

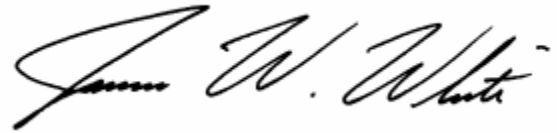
- According to Memphis City Schools, approximately 1,950 students were expelled in the 2007-08 school year. Of those approximately 660 either did not attend an alternative school or their suspension appeal hearing. These students would now be required to go to an alternative school.
- Memphis City Schools spends approximately \$4,640.10 per year on each expelled student. In order to accommodate the 660 additional students, the system will incur an increase in local expenditures of approximately \$3,062,466 (660 x \$4,640.10).
- BEP formula is unchanged. Alternative education BEP component is generated on the system-wide ADM, not the alternative school ADM. It is not a supplemental payment.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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